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## El Cerrito's Childcare Opening Makes After School Play Pay Off

By Sherry Lebeck

EL CERRITO -- Two brand new city-run childcare centers for kindergarten through 6th grade are scheduled to be operational by Sept. 10, according to Lori Hamilton, Children's Services Supervisor for the Recreation Division of Community Services.

Facilities at Madera and Fairmont schools are in the final stages of preparation to receive school age children.

Fairmont Center is licensed for

30 children and currently has 15 openings, according to Hamilton. Madera Center, licensed for 30 children, is full. These two centers make four on-school-site city operated childcare facilities in El Cerrito, joining Castro and Hardin.

Both of those programs are full.

"The childcare project began as a plan to try to have one facility at each of the four elementary schools," says Joel Witherell, Director of Community Services.

"We had one at Castro and Har-

ding. The goal was to have one at Fairmont and Madera also."

In addition to the on-site programs, there is an off-site facility as well at Canyon Trail which has two openings, according to Hamilton.

"This is the first year we are trying this," says Witherell of the off-site program. "There are 70 people on the waiting list." There is a \$50 deposit to be put on the waiting list at off-site centers, as parents wait for openings at their children's schools, according to

Hamilton.

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A second off-site program at Casa Cerrito Clubhouse is being

according to Witherell. There is currently only one available to bus children to and from the

### The Madera project was accomplished through a five-year loan which will be paid back through parents' fees.

considered if there is enough interest.

The problem is transporting children from the various schools to the off-site programs,

schools.

All of the childcare facilities offer before and after school supervision. The center is open from 7

to 8:30 a.m. and then closes until 11:55 a.m., when the kindergarteners come to the centers after school. Those kindergartners can choose to stay until 2 p.m. or until 5:30 p.m. At 2 p.m. grades 1 through 6 come to the centers and have the option to stay until 5:30 p.m. or 6 p.m. when the centers close.

Cost of childcare is \$2.25 per hour for El Cerrito residents and \$2.50 per hour for non-residents. Federal subsidies are also

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## EC Council Holds Court on Couple's Cluttered Home

By David Thom

EL CERRITO -- The City Council voted unanimously to declare a house at 5619 El Dorado a public nuisance Tuesday night, along with endorsing November's insurance proposition 100, with only Councilman Bob Bacon opposing.

The City Council was poised to give the owners of a home on El Dorado Street to clean up and repair their property.

Under a new ordinance the council has the power to either have the city perform the clean up and repairs with the owners paying for the cost, or demolish the home if the property owners, Arlene and Bernice Smith, refuse to clean up the debris-strewn property.

In an unusual administrative arrangement to gain authority for taking action against the property, the councilmembers sat as judges to determine whether the property at 5619 El Dorado was a public nuisance.

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# Police Beat

## Dealing donuts is dangerous

**By Christina Dravis**

EL CERRITO — The following is a summarized list of recent crime that occurred in El Cerrito, according to police.

### Armed Robbery

Someone entered Winchell's Donuts on Aug. 30, asked for donuts, then displayed a small handgun and demanded money. He left with almost \$70 in cash.

### Car Crime No. 1

An interested party took an '83 Cadillac Fleetwood from McNevin Cadillac for a test drive on Aug. 27. For some reason, he never returned.

### Car Crime No. 2

Suspects appeared quite interested in purchasing a vehicle from Val Strough Honda on Aug. 30. When the salesman wasn't looking, however, they took keys from the keyboard and returned later to steal an '87 VW Golf.

### Business Burglaries

• A diner at Rod's Hickory Pit

ate, but couldn't pay for, a \$6 meal on Aug. 24. The diner was also charged with battery on a policeman by the time he was taken into custody.

• On Aug. 25 a thief filled a shopping basket full of automotive supplies and fled Kragen Akuto Parts. Loss was \$41.74 and a shopping basket.

• Pacific Bell reported that someone pried a pay phone off its mounting brackets in a phone booth on Fairmount Ave. The Aug. 26 incident caused \$350 worth of damage.

• A shopper entered Kid's Mart with an empty purse, yet left with a full purse on Aug. 30. Clothing worth \$85 was retrieved from the woman's purse.

### Residential Burglaries

• Someone entered a home on the 2600 block of Mira Vista Drive through a window or sliding glass door on Aug. 25 and stole \$2100 worth of gold and dia-

mond jewelry.

• A home on the 7000 block of Potrero Ave. was robbed of \$100 in cash while the resident was working outdoors. The intruder entered the house via the unlock-ed garage door.

### Thefts

• A car trunk was forced open in the Safeway parking lot on Aug. 25. Over \$180 worth of items, including a new sink faucet, teevee cart and spare tire were reported stolen.

• A \$300 in-dash stereo was pried from a vehicle on the 800 block of Lexington Ave. on Aug. 21. Evidently the car's window had been left open.

• A car on Conlon Ave. was robbed of a \$1500 car phone on Aug. 26.

### Auto Thefts

• An '85 Chevy Corvette stolen from the 1800 block of Liberty St. on Aug. 22 was recovered.

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• On Aug. 29 a woman in red entered a San Pablo Ave. business, selected items and informed a clerk she wished to purchase them.

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### Malicious Mischief

• A woman on Colgate Ave. reported receiving obscene phone calls on August 29.

• A woman on Rugby Ave. reported receiving threatening phone calls on August 30.

### Miscellaneous

• A citizen reported an individual in pajamas on Arlington near Arbor at 3:07 pm on August 28.

## Freewheeling handyman

**By Christina Dravis**

The following is a summarized list of recent crime that occurred in Albany, according to police.

### Unhappy with handyman

A businesswoman in Albany Square reported her car stolen on Aug. 31. Evidently the San Pablo woman had given her part-time handyman permission to use her vehicle to pick up lunch for the office staff. The handyman never returned.

Police were given clues as to the handyman's whereabouts but nothing was accurate enough to assist them with their investigation.

### Hide and seek

A patrol officer observed the disappearance of a gym bag on or around the Eastshore Highway on Aug. 31. The officer later witnessed a man with the gym bag attempting to play hide and seek with him in some bushes near a storage establishment.

## Bells, bells, bells

**By Christina Smith**

KENSINGTON -- The following is a summarized list of crime that occurred in Kensington between August 27 and 30, according to police.

### Alarming Events

• A silent alarm was reported at a business at 303 Arlington on August 27. Malfunction of alarm was caused by janitor.

• Also on August 27, an officer reported an alarm at a residence on Norwood. Exterior and interior were found undisturbed.

• A man reported an alarm at the Tilden Nature Bldg. on August 28. No evidence of a break-in was found.

• Alarms at two separate residences on Norwood were reported two minutes apart on August 29. One was accidentally activated by the owner, the other was an apparent malfunction.

• An alarm at a residence on Purdue Ave. was reported on August 30. The front door was unsecured but nothing was found out of order.

## Keep an eye on travel plans

Donald and Marion Parkhurst of Union City were almost taken for an expensive ride when a Fremont telemarketing company offered them a two-for-the-price-of-one travel plan.

Their case was one of nearly 200 in California investigated by local district attorneys and the state Attorney General's office in response to the growing problem of telemarketing fraud. The consumers were typically defrauded on pitches for gold and silver, oil, office supplies, gifts and prizes.

State Attorney General John Van de Kamp recently launched a public education campaign at news conferences in San Francisco and Sacramento to warn consumers about fast talking telephone swindlers. He said the schemes are costing American consumers more than \$1 billion a year.

The Parkhursts filed a complaint against the company — East Bay Advertising — with the state Attorney General's Office when they became suspicious. They said at the San Francisco news conference that they were wary because the company gave them as part of the deal was supposedly valued at \$100 but turned out to worth about \$25.

They said the company tried to cash their nearly \$70 check for an installment fee even though the company was told payment had been stopped on the check.

Van de Kamp said Californians have registered the highest number of complaints on telemarketing fraud.

## Letters to the Editor

### A little respect, Mr. Bush

*A letter to Vice President George Bush from Albany Vice Mayor Henry Kruse.*

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I doubt that many other blind people have tried to communicate to you the pain you inflicted on all of us by the casual and contemptuous reference to "three blind mice" in your famous acceptance speech. I am sure you and most of your listeners consider such jokes to be only good, clean fun. Of course you are expected to ridicule Democrats. That is what political campaigning is all about and they can be expected to return the compliment. But when you say, in effect, that your opponents are almost as incompetent as blind people, you hurt and do a grievous injustice to more than half a million blind citizens who might otherwise have reason to be your friends.

Your defenders and apologists may say that you meant no harm and that we should not be offended. Yet you intentionally used the word which properly describes us to mean incompetent and ignorant. Those who would sweep this problem under the rug suggest that blind people should be referred to with such euphemisms as "visually impaired". That is nonsense. We are not ashamed of being blind. And we are not impaired, thank you. We are just different. The best thing that ever happened to race relations in this country is that a large segment of our population began voluntarily to call themselves "Black."

Blind people in this country first organized nationally in 1940. We are a small minority that have made great strides in decades. We know who we are and we will never go back to what we used to be. We too have families and friends and the election in November may be a turning point.

I shall be grateful to receive a copy of any statement you care to issue on this subject.

Faithfully yours,

Henry Kruse  
Vice Mayor

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# Donors put the fun into safe playground

KENSINGTON -- Kensington Hilltop Elementary School will begin the 1988 school year with a new playground structure thanks to the hard work of the school's Dad's Club, PTA and KEF members. Parents spent several weekends in July erecting the structure and shoveling and raking gravel beneath it.

The structure is the result of a survey taken two years ago by the PTA asking the children what they thought was needed to improve the playground during recess. A parent committee was formed to evaluate the survey and they came up with the idea of a play structure. Approval from the school

district launched a fundraising campaign.

A year long fund drive drew support from the school and the community. Financial support came from Chevron, Kensington Property Owners Association, PTA, KEF and individual donations from parents and the community. R.M.C. Lonestar Company in Pleasanton donated gravel and Royal Trucking in Concord provided transportation of the gravel to the school.

Dedication of the new play structure will be on Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Superintendent Walter Marks will be on hand for the ribbon cutting. The dedication will be followed by a school picnic.

## Schools Calendar

Back-to-School Nights for the elementary schools will be on Sunday, September 22; for the middle schools and junior highs Wednesday, September 28; for the high schools on Thursday, October 6. These will be MINIMUM DAYS for the students.

The phone number for the Richmond Unified School District is 234-3825. Listed below are the El Cerrito area schools, their specialties and phone numbers, as well as school events for the coming week.

**Castro Elementary**  
Sept. 15: PTA Barbecue, 5:30-7 p.m., Multipurpose Room.  
Topics: PTA budget and fundraisers.

The phone number for Castro School is 234-6200.

**Fairmont Elementary**  
Sept. 13-15: Book fair, 2:30 p.m., with additional hours from 6 p.m. on Sept. 14 only. PTA open house also from 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 14  
The phone number for Fairmont School is 525-5235.

**Harding Elementary**  
Gifted-Talented

The phone number for Harding School is 525-0273.

### Kensington Elementary Gifted-Talented

Sept. 8: New Play Structure Dedication, 6:30 p.m., followed by an all-school picnic.

The phone number for Kensington School is 526-7343.

### Madera Elementary

The phone number for Madera School is 235-4499.

### Mira Vista Elementary Classical Studies

The phone number for Mira Vista School is 232-4064.

### Adams Middle School

Gifted-Talented International-Futures

Sept. 15: School Picnic, 6 p.m., in front of the gym.

The phone number for Adams Middle School is 235-5464.

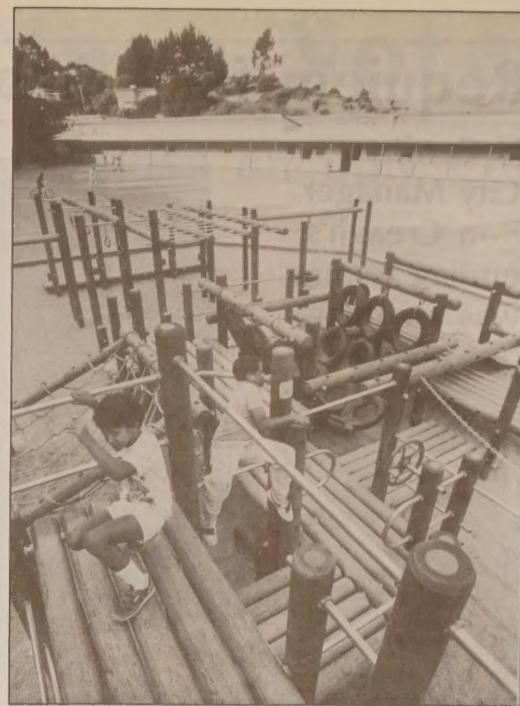
### Portola Junior High

Sept. 15: PTA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

The phone number for Portola is 524-0405.

### El Cerrito High

Visual / Performing Arts/Humanities



Some can't wait for the dedication of Hilltop Elementary's new equipment.

Sept. 13: PTSA board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Portable 812.

Sept. 14: Music parents meeting, 7:30 p.m. Band Room.

Sept. 15: Senior potluck, 6 p.m., cafeteria.

The school phone number is 525-0234.

### Kennedy High

Math/Science/Technology

The school phone number is 235-2291.

### Parochial Schools

St. Jerome's School

Sept. 8: Noon dismissal; back to school night, 7:30 p.m., cafeteria.

Sept. 11: Teacher installation liturgy, 9 a.m., church.

The school phone number is 525-9484.

### St. John's School

Sept. 6-16: First grade schedule: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sept. 8: School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., library.

Sept. 12: PTG board meeting.

Sept. 14: Back to school night, 7 p.m., school auditorium.

Sept. 15: First Hot Dog Day. The school phone number is 234-2244.

### Albany School District

School started Sept. 7. Listed below are the schools and their phone numbers. The school district phone number is 526-6441. See each individual school entry for the date of its back to school night.

### Cornell Elementary

Sept. 22: Back to school night.

The school phone number is 525-7873.

### Marin Elementary

Sept. 28: Back to school night.

The school phone number is 527-2003.

### Vista Elementary

Sept. 27: Back to school night.

The school phone number is 526-2191.

### Albany Middle School

Oct. 6: Back to school night.

The school phone number is 526-2884.

### Albany High

Oct. 5: Back to school night.

The school phone number is 524-9364.

### MacGregor High

Continuation high school.

Sept. 14: Back to school night.

## Letters...

### Facts loose in Bacon attack

Dear Friend,

I read with alarm the in-temperate attack on Councilman Bob Bacon by two dyspeptic El Cerritans. Mssrs. Bruce Johnson and A. Harris. They apparently tailor their facts to the end they seek. Where is their documentation?

To paraphrase a revered proverb, a person can be judged by the enemies he/makes.

As for me, Councilman Bacon and I have not always seen eye to eye, but, as time has passed, I have increasingly recognized his dedication to the welfare of the city and its inhabitants. The vicious attacks on Mr. Bacon by Bruce Johnson, A. Harris, et al, endear

me to him as a councilmember to be proud of. He must be retained.

Similarly, Councilman H. Richard Mank has earned the support of all El Cerritans by his uncompromising stand for the special assessment despite the recall hue and cry.

Of course Jean Siri should be retained if we are truly interested in protecting and improving the quality of life of our city.

Fellow El Cerritans, beware of false prophets who advocate a return to days gone by and best forgot.

Sincerely,

Dan Freudenthal  
Clayton St.  
El Cerrito

## Don't berate EC wildlife

Dear Sir:

This is a rather belated response to the story published in your paper a few weeks ago about deer and other wildlife invading area yards and gardens. My husband and I are relatively new residents of El Cerrito and I must say we find the presence of deer, opossum and other creatures to be one of the most charming and delightful aspects of living here. We have written to relatives and friends back east boasting of the beautiful deer we frequently discover browsing in our back yard or strolling up our front walk. The presence of these wild creatures combined with the stunning views from our hillside neighborhood make us feel as if we are living in a scenic, urban wildlife preserve. Thus, if browsing on the passion flowers in our back yard contributes to the health and beauty of these gentle creatures, I say, fine! I consider it a privilege that these and other wild creatures find our yard a sanctuary. After all, we are the real invaders. We have paved over, built-over and gardened over the original native habitat of wildlife that lived here for centuries before the arrival of man and his cities. That these creatures have adapted and learned to live with us seems like a miracle to me.

Before settling in the Bay Area, we lived in rural New Hampshire where small towns and cities are separated by fields and forests. Deer inhabit these forests but are almost never seen by man. One reason, of course, is that much of their habitat is still intact and there is no need for them to forage in developed areas. But a more profound reason they are seldom seen is that they are

uthlessly hunted during the fall hunting season and are therefore terrified of human beings.

We lived in a very rural area and one of the few times we saw a deer was when a handsome stag ran through our land while fleeing a hunter—one of its back legs was mostly blown off by buckshot. It was a powerfully depressing sight. Because of hunting, deer avoid humans and human habitations whenever possible. Even as we left, a small-scale war was raging between hunters and rural residents who valued the beauty of the deer and tried to attract them to their yard and fields by putting out food. The hunters argue that continued suburban development is destroying the deer's habitat and that with the resultant reduced food sources the herds must be culled to prevent suffering and starvation.

I can sympathize to a certain extent with the gentleman who was harassed by raccoons and trapped 13 of them (were they killed or relocated to more rural areas?). Raccoons can be pesky and destructive (I still like them!). But we feel grateful to live in a place where deer and other wildlife are generally able to live peacefully and to flourish side by side with man. Hooray for the lady who's learned to share her fruit tree with an opossum! I think we should be proud of our "urban wildlife preserve" and do all we can to appreciate and foster this relationship. We owe it to the animals whose habitat we have almost destroyed.

Sincerely,

Diane C. White  
Galvin Dr.  
El Cerrito

## Keep Albany police in news

Dear Editor:

I see Sgt. Patton wants more money. How are we as citizens to know if he deserves more or less unless we know what he does. As a resident of the city of Albany I am interested in what goes on in my neighborhood. I've noticed that the police log for Albany has disappeared from this paper. I telephoned you to ask why and you sounded as if you had overlooked the Albany log and would talk to the reporter responsible and make sure it appeared in the next issue. It hasn't. Residents in my neighborhood have resorted to posting handbills on telephone poles concerning break-ins near by. I personally feel that a weekly newspaper such as yours is a more appropriate and reliable

method of tracking crime and overseeing police responses.

It is also essential for citizens to be informed of police activities and behavior to prevent things like police harassment of minorities on San Pablo Ave. such as recently came to light in El Cerrito.

So I think Sgt. Patton should get together with your reporter and then maybe we could get the Albany police log back. Then we might know better to give him his raise or his pay cut.

Sincerely,

Jim Roach  
Evelyn Avenue  
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## Newsmaker's Dossier



Ron Creagh's desk leaves no room for clutter.

By Will Tizard

El Cerrito City Manager Ron Creagh may be leaving his government post here next month, but government will never leave his blood. For the last 24 years, Creagh has been either studying or working in public life full-time.

The 44-year-old man from Missouri never veered from the course during his undergraduate and master's programs at Cal State Long Beach, with a career that is an extension of his first college internship at City Hall in Rolling Hills Estates, in Southern California.

Unlike the risky and sometimes short-lived approach to government taken by his flamboyant counterparts, city councilmembers, Creagh has followed his own style, adopting the quieter behind-the-scenes approach to lawmaking.

But if Creagh is known for quiet, it is the quiet of unquestionable power and drive. The slight, neat and conservatively-dressed man chooses his moments carefully at council meetings. He will often launch into emotional-sounding speeches just as a new ordinance threatens to exhaust his staff, otherwise remaining quiet unless asked for an opinion.

Emotional-sounding is the only way to describe his stronger speeches because they use emotional words and images. But Creagh rarely reveals what he himself feels.

That quality is what makes or breaks a city manager, said Creagh at his office Monday. While admitting he has his own strong political beliefs, he would not say who he favored in the last presidential race. "I won't answer that," he said. "I never discuss partisan politics."

Even if his professional code allowed it, Creagh said he has always chosen not to take a role in party politics beyond voting. The stamp of neutrality extends even over Creagh's second wife Nancy, whom he described as not involved in political groups.

The two met through a video dating service about 18 months ago, and share their El Cerrito home with an eight-year-old Pekinese dog.

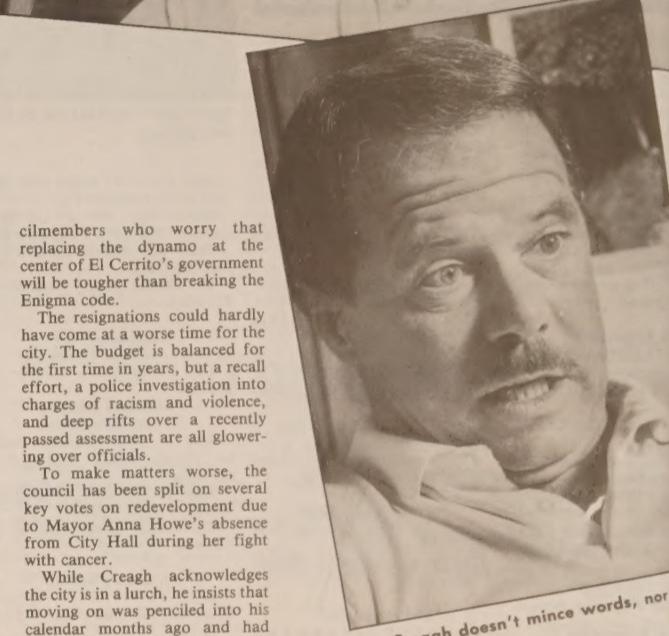
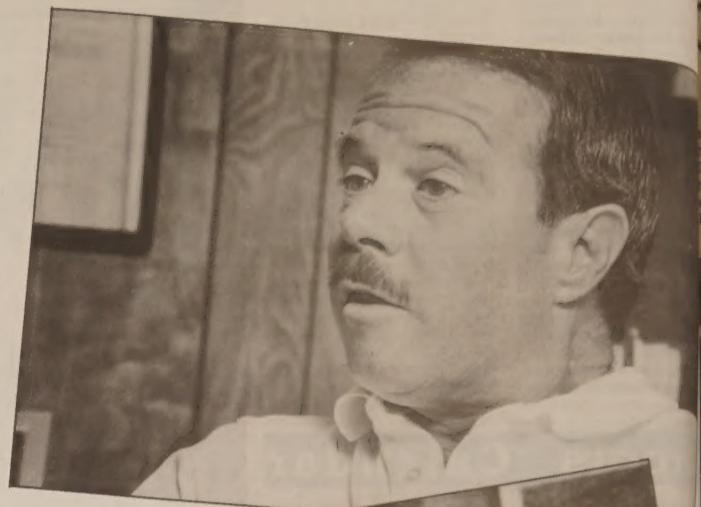
"This is my only child," said Creagh, holding up a photo of the dog, Digby.

Creagh's announcement that he will take up a city manager post at the Southern California community of La Mesa Oct. 1 rocked City Hall severely two weeks ago, only to be followed by the aftershock of Finance Director Paul Marangella's resignation.

The announcement has prompted groans from coun-

## Requiem for a heavyweight

**El Cerrito  
City Manager  
Ron Creagh's  
ending tenure  
was anything  
but placid**



cilmembers who worry that replacing the dynamo at the center of El Cerrito's government will be tougher than breaking the Enigma code.

The resignations could hardly have come at a worse time for the city. The budget is balanced for the first time in years, but a recall effort, a police investigation into charges of racism and violence, and deep rifts over a recently passed assessment are all glowering over officials.

To make matters worse, the council has been split on several key votes on redevelopment due to Mayor Anna Howe's absence from City Hall during her fight with cancer.

While Creagh acknowledges the city is in a lurch, he insists that moving on was penciled into his calendar months ago and had nothing to do with these issues.

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Marie Gardyne's shop opened last week with polish and the rustic air of nursery rooms.

## The Brass Horse carries big kids to elusive childhood fantasies

By Barbara Davidson

ALBANY — Doll collecting is the second largest hobby in the United States, according to Marie Gardyne, owner of the newly opened Brass Horse at 634 San Pablo Ave. Stamp collecting is the largest.

Despite a name which sounds like an industrial strength cocktail, the Brass Horse buys, sells and repairs old dolls and toys.

Most notable are the dolls. The place is crawling with antique, collectible and costumed foreign cuties made of everything from wax to corn shucks, with porcelain and metal thrown in for good measure.

There's "Frozen Charlie" made of celluloid (an early type of plastic), a Chinahead doll from 1861 made of glazed bisque (a form of ceramic) and a bed doll from the '20s with a prune-faced expression and a beautiful lace dress to decorate milady's boudoir.

The foreign dolls include a Kabuki lion dancer doll from Japan, a Lenci felt doll from Italy

and the Dionne quintuplet dolls named after the famous quints born in the 1930's.

The aesthetically questionable Cabbage Patch Doll is not in sight as yet. Gardyne said the doll became so popular that it was sold on the black market. She attributes its popularity to the fact that it is soft and cuddly, just like its predecessors Raggedy Ann and Andy in the '40s. It was also well promoted like the Barbie Doll made in 1959, which is still going strong.

Gardyne began collecting dolls about five years ago in the course of studying miniature dolls she acquired while doing estate sales. The hobby turned into an enjoyable business. "You learn so much history in studying dolls. Each one is unique and has its own personality. And you meet people from different walks of life who are doll collectors.

Madam Alexander in New York has been making dolls since the '20s. She's now in her 90's. And contrary to popular opinion, a lot of men are doll collectors. One man has his own doll museum in

Pennsylvania," she said.

Making antique doll reproductions is a new hobby which has increased interest in doll collecting. As a result there has been a proliferation of doll auction houses, doll hospitals and doll exhibits. Several doll fairs are held in Vallejo each year which occupy four buildings.

A lot of fund raising for charities is done through doll clubs, such as the one Gardyne belongs to in Albany which has 30 members and is one of many such clubs throughout the U.S. belonging to the United Federation of Doll Collectors. "There are many avenues to channel restored dolls," she said, "such as giving them as gifts to hospitals. Older ladies particularly like dolls and some of them still have their first doll because it has sentimental value."

Most of Gardyne's antique dolls date from the late 1840's to 1940 and are priced from \$10 to \$3500, although antique dolls have been known to auction for as high as \$100,000.

"Condition is important," said Gardyne. "An unplayed-with boxed doll can sell for \$1500. Famous doll designer Yolanda Belle makes up a limited edition each year and then breaks the mold. The SFB Pouty, an antique reproduction of a French doll, was the fourth one made out of a total of 20 and is valued at \$500."

Some of the dolls have a local history. The Nancy Ann storybook dolls were made in Berkeley by a woman from San Francisco who was in the book business. The Mark Farmer Company made a Chinahead doll reproduction in the '50's in El Cerrito. The Bego Dool, a 21" baby doll which was the first to closely resemble a real infant, was made by Grace Storey Putnam in Oakland.

Gardyne's mother, Ann Conti of Fremont, made the Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls on the top shelf and also crocheted doll

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## Money matters

If you think retirement is a long way off, ask someone who is 65 just how fast the time goes. Then think about this: only 5 percent of the people who retire are financially independent. If you start investing now, you could be part of that 5 percent.

It is important to start now regardless of your age. Investing requires discipline. If you have not started saving for your retirement, you have a bad habit which requires changing. Forcing yourself to start doing something that does not come naturally takes a con-

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## Plan for the golden years

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certed effort. Do not put off starting your investment program until your next pay raise. If you do, you are likely to put it off even longer.

Most of us could live on five, ten or maybe 15 percent less than we are now consuming. How much current spending you must give up is determined by your needs at retirement.

Most of us will need about 60 to 70 percent of our current income during retirement years. Our houses will probably be paid for, our children will be grown and our business and social obligations may be reduced.

With proper allowance for inflation, it is possible to estimate your annual cash needs at your anticipated retirement age. Another factor worth considering is the increase in life spans. Many of us will have more retirement years to fund than our parents did and certainly than our grandparents did.

Once you have estimated your total cash needs at retirement, you can subtract your social security and company pension benefits and arrive at the portion which you must independently fund.

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# Class Notes

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## New principal: Students make an 'ugly' Castro School beautiful

By Sally Douglas

**EL CERRITO** — Her humanity and love for children shone like a beacon on Castro Elementary School. Dani Tarry, the school's new principal with 16 years of experience, is excited about her new job.

"School is the people and not

the building," Tarry said.

When she first came to Castro Elementary, the school was "an ugly place." It improved somewhat when the teachers arrived. When the children showed up for the first day of school, "the place became alive," Tarry said.

She called the first day of school (Sept. 1) "a real smooth start. Only one parent called us awful names and only two children couldn't find their parents at the end of the day."

Tarry, 40, has come to Castro to open its "international" magnet program and looks for-

ward to the work cut out for her.

She has taught students from families of many economic levels including the children of scientists, peach pickers and copper miners. She believes these experiences will aid her at Castro.

The new principal described an Illinois school where she taught as

"real multi-ethnic, but not as diverse as Castro."

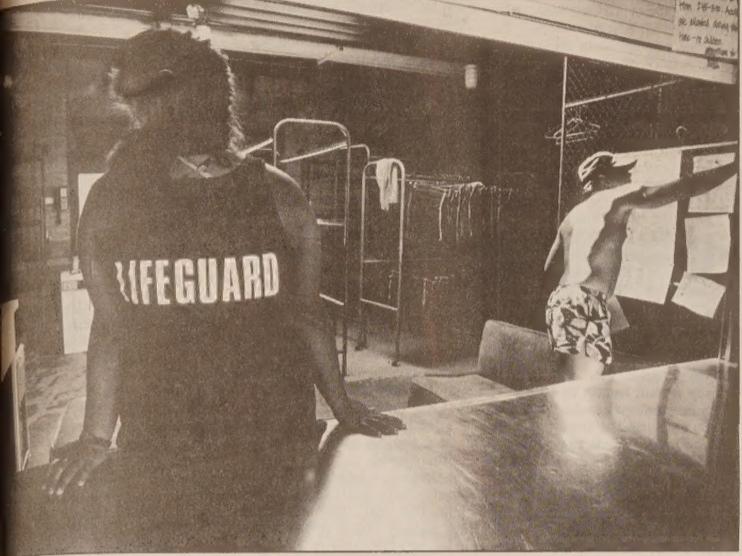
"When I first met the parents (at Castro) it was like a mini United Nations," she said.

The 1988-89 school year will be one of planning for the start-up of the international magnet, which begins next year. For

Castro's kindergarten through sixth graders, Tarry has planned classes that will teach six foreign languages and electives that will provide for the in-depth study of countries and cultures.

"The theme is cooperation — how people living

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Above, right, Savonne Kinney, 6, seems resigned to school as his bus leaves for home. Above, left, Mersina Purlantov and Rick Biagi prepare to hang up their whistles when summer Swim Center hours end Sept. 25. Left, kids make their escape from Castro School at the first day's end.

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# Kensington's Ferenc studies for County Board of Education race

By Christina Smith

KENSINGTON -- As the filing date for the County Board of Education seat grew nearer last month, Ted Ferenc would check the newspaper every day, hoping

to see that incumbent Ned Clyde had decided to run again. Other candidates began filing for the position, and then Clyde announced that he would not run for a fourth term.

"The day before the deadline I

called all my friends and said, 'Am I crazy to do this?' and they said, 'Go for it.'" For Ferenc, going for it would mean not only bidding for public office, but doing so as a person with AIDS.

He is now one of five candidates vying to represent the county's area 1, which comprises Richmond, El Cerrito and Kensington.

A longtime Kensington resident, Ferenc has been a teacher and administrator in the California school system for more than a decade. He's also been active in Kensington community issues, was on the Kensington Improvement Club for 13 years and lobbied successfully for the passage of special assessments to support police and fire services in the wake of Proposition 13.

Now 45, Ferenc grew up in Middletown, Conn., an ethnically diverse city of 20,000 residents. A devout Catholic, he spent two years after high school in seminaries. "I grew up with a family tradition that the oldest son was expected to become a priest," he said. Although he retained the strength of his faith he decided not to follow family tradition and enlisted in the army for three years instead.

Ferenc moved to California in 1967 and worked for a year at Levi Strauss as a clerk and then as

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Many students knew when school would start and knew there would be a lot of changes. But some things just don't change: We all know without a doubt that school is here.

It usually isn't until the first day, when each student is actually sitting in a squeaky old desk in the advisor's room, that the realization comes that this is a place of work, study, lectures and tests.

Many alarm clocks went off early in El Cerrito Sept. 1. Students got up early enough to get to school on time for the initial first period of the 1988-89 school year. Old memories of dragging out of bed so early, and the frustrations of finding the perfect outfit for the first day of school, came rushing back. Students left their houses and stepped out into the cold, foggy morning where the fresh morning air was relaxing as they journeyed on that old path to school.

There are others who, beginning with this year, will no longer have to walk those familiar routes because they have reached the golden age of 16. Those students have earned their driver's licenses and now drive new cars or the family station wagon to school.

Some students reached campus a little early on the first day, and chatted with friends they haven't seen all summer. As 8:30 a.m. approached, the halls gradually filled with Gouchland's 1,625 student body. Encircled groups of friends everywhere talked to each other about the summer.

Many students observed sleeping bags lying in the traditional senior hangout area known as "The Pit." Inquiries revealed that a few of the seniors spent the night at school — another El Cerrito tradition. Many adventures were discovered.

A delay in schedule programming may have contributed to problems this year. The administration usually starts programming in January, but this year couldn't start until mid-February when the Magnet School Plan was approved.

As the first day of classes continued, most students' questions regarding their classes were answered. Others needed to have



Ted Ferenc

## Principal...

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together make decisions together," she said.

In addition to drawing on her experiences teaching children of many ethnicities, Tarry said she will encourage teachers to bring their hobbies and community sources, once excluded from the classroom, into their teaching.

She defined magnet as the opening up of the schools — opening doors for more people and more ideas.

"We'd kind of closed ourselves in for lots of different reasons and now it's time to open up," she said.

Castro Elementary School will use team teaching a year from now. Tarry has team taught her entire career and so will be able to guide the Castro teachers.

Team teaching uses the knowledge of several instructors in the planning, curriculum development and teaching of courses.

"It's change not for change's sake but to make things better for the kids," she said.

Some teachers may be nervous about team teaching after 20 or more years in the classroom by themselves, Tarry acknowledged.

But in the long run, "it will stimulate the students' thinking

and by giving them lots of exposure to different teachers will build their interest in school," she said.

Some studies have found that this kind of approach encourages children to read, she said.

Tarry, who grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, is a lover of the outdoors. She likes to backpack "when I have the energy," hike and garden. She also enjoys reading.

Tarry has taught for 10 years, was a principal for three more and spent three years on her doctorate studies. Her educational career began in Illinois, where she received her teaching credential at the National College of Education in Evanston. She has taught first through sixth grades, and was principal of a grammar school in a copper mining community north of Tucson.

She taught at an elementary school in Lincoln, Calif., and completed a masters degree in educational administration at Sacramento State University. She received a doctorate in educational administration at the University of Arizona and was principal of a grammar school in a copper mining community north of Tucson.

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## Gaucho Corner

By Andy Liu

### School daze

Many students knew when school would start and knew there would be a lot of changes. But some things just don't change: We all know without a doubt that school is here.

It usually isn't until the first day, when each student is actually sitting in a squeaky old desk in the advisor's room, that the realization comes that this is a place of work, study, lectures and tests.

Many alarm clocks went off early in El Cerrito Sept. 1. Students got up early enough to get to school on time for the initial first period of the 1988-89 school year. Old memories of dragging out of bed so early, and the frustrations of finding the perfect outfit for the first day of school, came rushing back.

Students left their houses and stepped out into the cold, foggy morning where the fresh morning air was relaxing as they journeyed on that old path to school.

There are others who, beginning with this year, will no longer have to walk those familiar routes because they have reached the golden age of 16. Those students have earned their driver's licenses and now drive new cars or the family station wagon to school.

Some students reached campus a little early on the first day, and chatted with friends they haven't seen all summer. As 8:30 a.m. approached, the halls gradually filled with Gouchland's 1,625 student body. Encircled groups of friends everywhere talked to each other about the summer.

Many students observed sleeping bags lying in the traditional senior hangout area known as "The Pit." Inquiries revealed that a few of the seniors spent the night at school — another El Cerrito tradition. Many adventures were discovered.

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As the first day of classes continued, most students' questions regarding their classes were answered. Others needed to have

errors in their schedules.

Students with holes in their schedules were given first priority by counselors who worked to remedy schedule problems.

The day proceeded since classes were only 35 minutes long. But to some students minutes was indeed a long time after a summer of no school at all. As for passing period, time of relaxation for students, who took the opportunity to meet people or old friends. As for especially the freshmen, the period was a time of fun and anger. These students not familiar with the large campus and some got lost. But all part of the high school experience.

During lunch, some got the chance to talk with friends for the first time. In the new students, this was the first time to meet people, but it was also their first time with the cafeteria's snack bar and the open bus system, which allows students to trott off outside school for lunch.

This is the first year El Cerrito administrators have had to deal with eight class periods and a selection of courses taught at other campuses. This is also the first time a new master program has been used for class scheduling. Mr. Terry Clark, the new administrative vice principal, said a school is bound to experience a few glitches with so many changes in effect. Everything will run more smoothly once all the bugs are discovered.

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### Business Scene

By Michael S. Holm

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Betty Saarni teaches, and sometimes uses other media, but for the most part she paints in watercolor. The brilliant, transparent and fluid quality of watercolor best expresses her response to her subjects.

Mrs. Saarni paints "light," whether on landscape, figure, portrait or still life subjects. In her painting, light is translated into color and form, set off by the sparkling white of the paper.

Betty Saarni studied at the California College of Arts and Crafts and holds a bachelors of fine arts degree from U.C. Berkeley. She has studied with watercolorists Ralph Baker, George Post, Robert Wood and Tom Hill.

Mrs. Saarni has been represented and has won awards in many juried shows. Among them are the 1978 Harold Gretzner award in the East Bay Watercolor Society Annual; the invitational show at the California State Fair in 1978; first prize award in the 1978 National League of American Women's California State Art Exhibit, with an invitation to show in their National Art Show.

The reception with the artist will be Sunday, Sept. 11, noon to 5 p.m. Regular gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**HILLTOP SHOPPING CENTER** salutes the computer age on Saturday, Sept. 10, with a "Back to Your Future" com-

puter fair. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., people of all ages will be able to get hands-on experience with Tandy computers. Experts from Radio Shack Computer Center will be available to offer instruction and to answer questions.

"Computers are playing an increasingly important role in our everyday lives, yet many people find them intimidating," says Lew Hilltop marketing director. "In presenting an opportunity for people to learn more about this growing technology, we hope to encourage them to register to win a Tandy computer, courtesy of Radio Shack Computer Center."

Sweepstakes entries will be held at 5 p.m. on the day of the event. Entry forms and further details are available at the Hilltop Information Center.

In honor of International Literacy Day, Sept. 8, visitors to the Hilltop Information Center will be at the shopping center between 10 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. for information about the Learning for Every Adult program. This worthwhile program provides information as to how adults can go to learn about reading, writing and mathematics.

For more information, contact the Computer Fair, or the Hilltop's Information Center, 223-1933.

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The first day of school was at 2:25. But everybody was preparing for the real first day of school on Friday, with full 45-minute classes. It was difficult for some students to adjust to going back to school after the Memorial Day weekend. In a sense the second day of school on Friday could be thought of as a trial run of what school is really like. The weekend could be thought of as a time to get into gear because school is here.

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**FASHION FLASHBACK:** I hope you didn't miss Hilltop's fall fashion show... it was a blast—or to be au courant, I should say it was really rad! With technology pitching us headlong into an unpredictable future, it's comforting to see some old fashion favorites making a comeback. The new look is simple, classic and easy to wear with fluid lines and soft fabrics such as crepe, jersey and cashmere. Men will be easing into more comfortable ensembles with full, pleated pants, loosely-cut double-breasted jackets and oversized shirts. For the working woman, flared skirts, short crop jackets, and the simple sheath are de rigueur. Pants and jumpsuits with full, pleated legs are back in a huge way and go from day to night with soft, draped tops. You'll see plenty of black along with traditional autumn neutrals and berry tones mixed with pure, bright primary colors and fluorescents. Accessories are a big part of the picture with pearls, scarves, feather-trimmed hats, hoods, gloves and legwear in every imaginable pattern and color leading the way. Handbags are larger and softer to complement long, pleated skirts and trousers, and belts are wider, contoured, and sport jeweled, ornate metal or bone buckles. On campus, you'll see the good ol' basic blue blazer with T-shirts, khaki shorts, crewneck Shetland wool sweaters, cardigans, denim, plaid or twill, wrap skirts and man-tailored shirts. Sound familiar?

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**IF YOU'RE WONDERING** where you can see and try on all the latest fall fashions, take yourself, your family and friends to Hilltop Shopping Center. Casual Corner, Caren Charles, Career Image, The Limited, Petries, and Lerner Shops have everything the working woman needs to spruce up or completely overhaul her wardrobe. For full figures, Petries Plus, Lerner Woman, Woman's World and Lane Bryant can help you put together the new look. Kuskins Shoes, Deits, Naturalizer and Burt's have the latest in footwear including a great selection of suede flats and pumps in all the new colors. If you're shopping for men's fashions, you'll be able to find the new casual look as well as more traditional fare at C & R Clothiers, Richman Brothers, Oxford Street, Bert's Big and Tall, Silverman's, Zeidler & Zeidler, Leathers By Lees, Florsheim Shoes, Regal Shoes and Thom McAn. For accessories, check out Samuels Jewelers, Merksamers, Milens Jewelers, Zales Jewelers, Crescent Jewelers and a great new store, Xtras. Eyeglasses are an important part of this season's fashion statement, and you can see and try on a fantastic array of frames at Lens Crafters after a visit to Eyexam 2000—or, for one-stop shopping, see Dr. David F. Sucher.

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**SHAPEN' UP:** It's not too late to join Hilltop's mall walkers and get in shape for the Holidays. Just stop by the information booth or call 235-7800, ext. 257 or 310 for details. If you sign up for and complete the warm-up course offered through Contra Costa College, you will earn one unit of credit. Instructor Tina Low helps you set your pace and then you're off in the cool, smog-free comfort of Hilltop's safe, climate-controlled environment. While you're making the rounds, keep an eye out for Hilltop's soon to open stores, Woolworth's Express, Weisfeld, The Cinema's (4 more screens) and Gantos. You might also notice that Musicland, Zales Jewelers, TriLu's, AT&T, Carol's Hallmark, Emporium-Capwell and JC Penney have done some shaping up of their own.

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**STEPPIN' OUT:** If you like to dance or just listen to big band music, Hilltop's tea dances are a great way to unwind and mingle with your West County neighbors. Your next chance to do some high stepping will be Saturday, October 8 at 6:00 pm in the Grand Court. Bob Dini & The Magic 61 Orchestra will be there to set the beat and keep your fingers snapping.

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**HILLTOP HOBGOBLINS:** I don't know about you, but I can remember when Halloween meant handmade costumes, home-baked cookies and harmless—relatively speaking—pranks. Well, times have changed (and so has the weather) and because the streets are not as predictable as they used to be, Hilltop is throwing a party again this year for all the little zombies, witches and extra-terrestrials in West County. Co-hosted by KTVU Kidstown, "Hilltop Trick or Treat" will be Saturday, October 29. Come at 6 pm—in costume, please—and gather goodies until 7 pm. And straight from Hollywood will be The Munsters Magic Show at 6:45 and 8:00 pm, and 2,000 miniature pumpkins will be given away. Judging from last year's turnout—5,000 kids, moms and dads—there'll be enough action to raise the dead!

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**SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW:** There are stars all year 'round at Hilltop—Jacko from NBC's The Highwayman, Sesame Street's Luis (Emilio Delgado) and The Smurfs from Great America are just a few of the many luminaries who have made special appearances this year. For Hilltop's Holiday extravaganza, there will be stars of a different sort... On Saturday, November 19, Hilltop launches the Holiday Season with an all-day party featuring Santa straight from the North Pole, arriving on a sleigh with 5 live reindeer!, a fashion show to get you in the mood for all those upcoming parties, and a tea dance with music by The Magic 61 Orchestra. And don't forget the Santa Photo Operation kicks off too! The unveiling of Hilltop's traditional Holiday display will reveal an astronomical number of sparkling surprises. I'm not going to tell you what they are, but I'll give you two clues—they're white, silver and gold and they're very small. I guess you'll just have to come see for yourselves!



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# Trying the other brain when studies won't yield progress

By Emily Caperton

If your child has difficulties in school or in one particular subject, it may be that she just isn't using her brain—the right one, that is. Major discoveries of the last two decades show that we actually have two brains, each dealing

necessarily "try harder". If your child daydreams a lot and resists schoolwork or seems unable to get good grades, her abilities may bloom by including more right brain stimulation in the learning process. Here are some ideas for helping your child learn and cope with school more successfully by

## Self-development

ing with different types of mental activity. The left brain deals with language, logic, number, sequencing, linearity, abstracting; the right brain with subjective, imaging, color, dimension, pattern recognition, the intuitive and creative. The two brains are linked by an extremely complex network of nerve fibers.

As Tony Buzen writes in his important contribution to learning methods, *Using Both Sides of Your Brain*: "...the mind is infinitely more subtle than we previously thought and everyone who has what is ironically called a 'normal' mind has a much larger ability and potential than was previously thought". To achieve that potential we need to develop both brain functions.

We know that Einstein failed at school, but loved music and art. He experienced a flash of intuition that led to his theory of relativity while playing an imagination game (right brain daydreaming) about riding on a beam of sunlight. But it was the genius of his left and right brain synthesis that gave us his theory.

Unfortunately, our educational system has still to catch up with our new appreciation of brain function. Your child's education still emphasizes the verbal, rational, left brain mode. The answer to better grades isn't

balancing the left and right brains and building connections between them. These suggestions are adaptable for children seven to seventeen. It will mean bringing the feeling, creative, non-verbal side into studying and learning activity and that means—hold on now—making it more fun!

### Setting the stage

Is there a special place for your child to do homework or is it done in a common area, shared with other members of the family present? Is it comfortable? Lighting? How does your child feel about it? Since we are taking a right brain approach here, we are looking for a total picture of the situation. For instance, if your child studies in the kitchen where family members may be coming in and out, eating, talking, you may think that could be a distraction; but it's possible that the child could feel so lonely if she were sent to a room apart to study that receptivity to learning would be affected.

Reach an agreement with her about the length of time needed to finish the assignment and plan a reward at the end—snack, television, a hug, hang-out time. There should be no radio or T.V. on during study time (except perhaps music during final copying of homework).

Before she begins her study, have her relax, close her eyes for a few moments, imagining that she is beginning to study with a happy, easy feeling, understanding the material.

Study periods should not be too long without a break. Research shows that better recall is achieved with short breaks after 15 or 20 minutes. A five minute break can include drawing and doodling, but should also include a stretch or walk-around. Turn on music, dance!

### Teaching is learning

Find out what academic subject your child enjoys most in school and ask her what she likes about it. Let her take the creative in-

itiative by teaching you something she knows—and testing you on your comprehension. This will give her confidence she can draw on when tackling the more difficult subjects.

Now pick a subject or activity that is hard for her and ask her to teach you something about it. For instance, take math. If she hates math, she may still like addition better than division and it will almost surely follow that there is some small area of addition that she can do well. Have her teach you about that. You can then help her to expand that kernel of confidence, using her right brain, by finding ways to have fun with the difficult parts of the subject.

Take blank, unlined paper and those colored pens and draw numbers—all kinds, upside down and backwards, big and small, "crazy looking". She can draw stick figures playing with the numbers or dealing with them in any way that appeals to her. Do your own drawings and allow her to do hers at the same time. If you are embarrassed about drawing, all the better! She won't be afraid to "mess up". The idea is to get into drawing in a way that mixes feelings with the literal content. In this way she will be bridging right and left brains and thinking on many levels, including the non-verbal (feeling is thinking, too). Praise her courage in making the drawing—but do not comment on the quality of her drawings as artistic production! Affirm the communication in the drawing. See if you can read the feelings and ideas she has put into her drawing and have her confirm your read-out.

### The place to start

With homework in any subject, don't have your child start at the beginning but scan the entire

material and munch around in it, reading here and there, stopping at whatever attracts her, looking at any pictures in the text. This "munching" or browsing, nonlinear approach supplies hook to motivate her and lets her find and integrate the material in her own way, accessing her right brain without resistance and at her own pace. Then of course she can go back and cover the material from the beginning to get the sequence. By that time it will all make more sense to her.

about one idea or age—anything that relates material.

Starting in the fifth grade your child make notes of words or phrases in the material. At the end of 20-minute study period before break, have her briefly recall these notes and recall the ones which they refer.

As you begin to explore your child the use of art of bringing the right brain fully into the learning

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### Deeper communication

Have you ever made a puppet? You can have a puppet dialogue with your child about schoolwork and her school experience. It will be easier for her to communicate her feelings and thoughts through the puppet. You may both be surprised by what comes out in this playful, indirect way. Ideas and feelings perhaps neither she or you knew she had.

### Review

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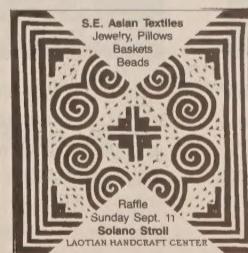
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# Club Corner

By Eileen Leon

**Order of the Eastern Star****Vista Cerrito Chap. 550**

Doris Coffman has received the Robert Morris award, one of most prestigious awards conferred by the Order in California. Coffman has been a member for years and has held the offices of Adah, Martha, Esther, Chaplain and treasurer. The award was presented in a special ceremony at the Aug. 4 meeting.

**Vista Cerrito Chapter meets on second and fourth Tuesday of month at 8 p.m. at the El Cerrito Masonic Temple.**

**Cerrito Historical Society**

The speaker at the Sept. 8 meeting will be Del Wisenor, manager of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce. He will discuss the history of the chamber and its future plans. Meetings are held at the Senior Center behind the El Cerrito Public Library, 6500 Stockton, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in local history is welcome.

The Society plans to display historical artifacts and photographs at the 30th anniversary celebration at the El Cerrito Plaza during the week of Sept. 17.

**Rotary Club of El Cerrito**

There will be a program on Nicaragua by Phil Martinez at the Sept. 8 meeting.

The club meets at 12:15 p.m. on Thursdays at the Cerrito City Club.

**Degree of Pocahontas Ramona Council No. 206**

A special birthday party to honor Mrs. Gordon Coles, the only charter member, will be held at the council meeting on Sept. 12 at 8 p.m. Mrs. Coles, who celebrated her 95th birthday on Sept. 1, still holds office and is an active member, attending all meetings.

The annual yard sale will be held Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2927 Carlson Blvd., El Cerrito, with furniture, drapes, small electrical appliances, clothes and other various items.

**East Bay Genealogical Society**

Lyn Proteau of Sacramento will speak on Researching Old Highways at the Sept. 14 meeting. She was the leader of a caravan of vintage cars which travelled across the U.S. on the old Lincoln Highway (now portions of Hwy 50).

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## Apply now for Albany free school lunch

**ALBANY** -- As part of the National School Lunch Program, Albany schools will serve breakfast and lunch every school day. Students may buy lunch for \$1.35 at the elementary schools

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For income criteria for qualifying for the lunch program and any other information, call Karen Markle, Director of Food Service, at 526-6441.

## RUSD meal coupons available

**RICHMOND** -- Students in the Richmond School District who are eligible for free or reduced price meals are being asked to fill out and return their applications as soon as possible.

"Obviously it helps us plan our meals and service if we know how many students we will be serving," said Heidi Camorongan, Director of Food Services, "but more important is the fact that children need adequate nutrition

to learn."

Food stamp and AFDC recipients and children in families with limited income are eligible to join the federally supported nutrition program throughout the year. Application forms and a chart of family income eligibility are available at all school sites, and, in accordance with the law, each student will receive one to take home to parents or guardians when school opens.

The law also assures applicants of confidential treatment, non-discrimination and the right to appeal eligibility decisions. The law also required recipients to report increases of more than \$600 per year to household incomes and decreases in family size.

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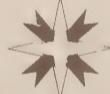
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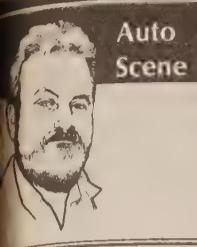
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David Fetherston

Editor

It's interesting to see how car manufacturers tackle the domestic market. Ford is after the young and fancy with European-style automobiles, while GM's Buick has maintained its direction in styling toward traditional older buyers, leaving the younger set with special-interest models and motor sports sponsorship.

Ford has blended the two directions, while maintaining the concept of building traditional larger cars using the technology they gained over the past 10 years.

The down-sizing of full-sized cars in the 70s left a sizeable gap in the market for larger families which was closed only in the past three years with a drop of new products.

Buick's current offering in this is its Electra T-Type sedan. The Electra four-door sits on a much wheelbase which gives it decent legroom, and its notchback roof line gives it great headroom. The front-wheel drive configuration doesn't intrude into the interior, resulting in a very spacious interior.

The T-Type version of the Electra is the high-line version sedan by standard Electra

## Buick blends traditional with trendy

and the Park Avenue models. Powering them is the new GM generic 3.8-liter V6. It uses "balance shaft" technology to smooth out many of the vibrations that made the earlier 3.6-liter V6 noisy and rough at idle.

The new motor also features upgrades, with a full range of technical specifications that make it smoother, quieter and more powerful.

Around town it feels like a smaller V8, but out on the highway

### 'Electra T-Type's new motor is smoother, quieter and more powerful'

way it produces a fuel economy figure which will break the 20-mile-per-gallon barrier — though not by much. On the road the 150-horsepower V6 is certainly smooth, quietly delivering horsepower for passing and ramp merges. The Electra tours along so smoothly with its low-level interior noise level that it produces a deceptive feeling of traveling at 65 when the speedo shows that you are actually traveling 20 miles per hour faster.

Inside, the Electra actually has places for six people. But with six on board, it becomes a short haul vehicle, as the front position compromises both the driver and the passenger.

The rear seat, with three across is OK, but three adults will find it

a bit of a squash if the trip is at all lengthy. Having three kids in the back seat works out fine, as did the leather upholstery which survived the Fetherston kids' usual back seat antics.

The front seating is aimed at armchair comfort; the button tufted bucket seats offer a soft, deep-seating position. The T-Type seats were comfortable for long-range touring and even on some twisty Napa Valley back roads, they held me well positioned behind the wheel.

#### Travel light

While Buick has many classes, the Electra is "full-size" because it can carry six passengers. Its stubby trunk, however, does not have the space for six passengers' luggage. The trunk may rate as a good size for an intermediate-size sedan, but its full-size value gets it only a seven out of 10.

The T-Type is Buick's sporty variation of the Electra. It comes with a handling package of uprated suspension and a set of wider cast alloy wheels mounted with a meaty set of steel-belted low profile radial tires. This combination certainly produces a better



Buick Electra T-Type sedan a classic car with modern technology

handling Electra, but somewhat compromises the sedan's ride comfort, producing neither a sport tourer nor a luxo-liner.

What it does give you is a firm-footed sedan which retains a good measure of comfort, placing it just about where the traditional Buick buyer will find it a palatable

combination.

One of the T-Type's best standard features is the excellent ABS (anti-lock) braking systems. This offers the driver a significantly better level of braking control, especially under winter conditions on slick wet surfaces of rain, ice and snow. On the standard Elec-

tra and Park Avenue it is a \$925 option, however, it's an option which should be ticked off first on any new vehicle option sheet.

It's interesting to see ABS is now available on so many automobiles.

## Association urges safe driving around schools

In a back-to-school alert, the California State Automobile Association (AAA) points out that 1,470 child pedestrians were killed and 34,000 injured in auto accidents throughout the country in 1986.

Approximately 10 percent of the child pedestrian fatalities in 1986 occurred in California, along with 18 percent of the injuries.

"School's open — drive carefully" is the slogan for the AAA-affiliated auto club's 1988 campaign, drawing attention to the potential traffic dangers confronting school children and motorists. Approximately 17.7 percent of all pedestrian deaths in the United States and 42.5 percent of all pedestrian injuries during 1986 involved youngsters under 15 years old.

Emphasizing that six out of 10 child pedestrian deaths and injuries happen when children cross or enter streets, CSAA officials urge drivers to follow all vehicle code and safety rules:

\*Be aware of children at school bus zones.

\*On an undivided roadway, stop if a school bus just ahead displays flashing red lights. Don't move your car until the red lights are turned off.

\*Drive cautiously when children are around.

\*Look out for youngsters emerging from between parked cars or from shrubbery.

\*At school crosswalks, stop for children crossing the street by themselves or escorted by school safety patrols.

\*Follow instructions from adult crossing guards and school bus drivers.

Parents are reminded by CSAA to:

\*Choose a safe place to drop off and pick up children at school.

\*Never double park in front of a school because it blocks the visibility of motorists and children.

CSAA is working with major northern California companies to educate motorists about the "School's Open" program. Companies are being asked to display CSAA traffic safety posters and to distribute safe driving information with employee paychecks. Traffic safety messages also are being displayed on milk cartons and grocery bags throughout northern California and Nevada.

CSAA urges parents to teach children the following safety rules:

\*Choose the safest route to school.

\*Avoid busy streets and complicated intersections.

\*Use corners patrolled by school safety patrols or school crossing guards whenever possible.

\*Learn about traffic signals. Remember that in some areas symbols are used instead of "walk" or "don't walk."

\*Look in all directions before crossing the street.

\*If there is a sidewalk, be sure to use it. When walking on roads without sidewalks, face the oncoming traffic.

## CHP launches new tow truck program

An innovative project with the potential to provide significant relief to freeway commuters springs out of the starting blocks and into a 12-month trial period this month, CHP Commissioner James E. Smith announced.

The project, known as the Freeway Service Patrol, uses state-owned and operated tow trucks to render assistance to disabled vehicles on a nine-mile stretch of the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10).

"What distinguishes the Freeway Service Patrol from the freeway assistance program we've been using is that Freeway Service Patrol's two trucks will be owned by the state and operated by

drivers hired and specially trained by the Highway Patrol," Smith said. "The current system uses private tow truck companies that have signed service agreements with the state.

"The present level of traffic congestion in California causes more than 400,000 hours of traffic delay every work day," he noted. "The cost in terms of lost productivity has been estimated at \$600 million a year."

A similar project conducted by Caltrans and the CHP on a segment of the Harbor Freeway in 1973 reduced the average disabled vehicle delay from 52 minutes to 24 minutes.

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PREDOMINANT family seeking child care for 2 boys (6 and 1 year olds), care 30 hours weekly, live out, English speaking, references, non-smoker. \$52-4748.

CHILD care needed for executive families. Live in, out. Salaries to \$75 to \$300 per week. For appointment call 451-2878.

CHILD care needed: for 2 school age girls. 3:15-7 P.M. daily Must leave car. References. \$75 per hour. Call 531-3408.

PARENTS' helper, north Berkeley, child care (including driving), light housekeeping, cooking, 4-5 late afternoons per week; \$65 per hour, driver's license necessary, low car preferred. 526-8038, 527-1751.

**AU PAIR WANTED**  
Live in Rockridge. Part-time child care and light housekeeping for pre-school and 3½ year old's. Flexible hours. Driver's license preferred. English speaking, non-smoking. Room, board, laundry. 658-4730.

CHILD Care needed for 2 infants, 1½-2 years. Monday-Friday, in Montclair and upper Lakeshore, experience, references, speak English. 531-5826.

HELP mother at home with 7 month old twin girls and 3½ year old, Monday through Friday, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday, 8 am to 8 pm. own transportation, non-smoker, \$5 per hour, phone 849-9464.

HOUSEWORK, miscellaneous, \$7 hour, 15 plus hours weekdays, shopping, errands, cleaning, laundry, food preparation, ironing and related odd jobs. Must have reliable car. Two bus stops away for enthusiastic quick learner with flexible hours who can stay at least a year. Montclair, Cal. 530-7599.

CHILD care for my 15 month son, Monday-Thursday, 11:30-6 pm, \$60 per hour, starting October, Montclair area. Share situation okay. House, 339-8849.

**403 Employment Exchange**

ROOM and board in exchange for about 15 hours babysitting (4 month old and 4 year old) and light housekeeping per week. Call Margaret, 530-8799.

**404 Work Wanted**

COMPANION and domestic care for elderly and handicapped in our home, full-time or part-time, experienced and bonded. Able. Able. 658-4740.

**A CARING CONNECTION**  
Bonded, quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 628-8076.

DS-GYN Nurse Practitioner with 15 in nursing seeks East Bay Treatment Experienced, semi-fluent Spanish. 655-1095.

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 582-5827.

HARD worker available. Elderly care-companion, light housekeeping, shopping, excellent references, dependable Mrs. Mai-Mai, 895-2035.

WANTED: Elder care workers. I have excellent references! Call 653-6407.

CHILD care giver wants share with 2 families, \$5 hour each family experienced with infants. Excellent references. Elisabeth, 653-6407.

ESTATES and collectables offered price low for quick sale. Saturday September 10, 9-2, down-stair 6868 Pineneedle Drive (off Broadway Terrace near Skyline), Oakland. Do not miss this one!

MOVING Furniture, tools, roll-top desk. 345 El Cerrito. Piedmont September 9-10, 9:00-3:00. Deposit.

GIGANT scholarship benefit. 10-4, Saturday-Sunday, September 10-11, 7745 Stockton, El Cerrito.

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ESTATE: neighborhood-antiques, quilts, tools, oak, books, records, more! Oldsmobile, commercial. September 10, 9-5, 1656 Ocean View, Kensington.

**CHILDREN'S Store for sale.** Piedmont Ave. Call Pat 522-4963. Child care message.

American Dream Come True. Join the simple but dynamic fast growing industry and enjoy life. Have your building \$50,000-\$100,000 annually. Call 430-1505 for appointment.

**504 Money To Loan**

BUSINESS loans for working capital financing, for businesses 2 months old or older. G.E.T. Financial Services. 841-6663.

**601 Business Opportunities**

SERIOUS investors want to acquire Bay Area manufacturing-distribution business. Prefer \$3 to \$5 million in annual sales. All references held in strict confidence. Write to Box K, The Montclarion.

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WASHERS and dryers Kenmore-Wirpool. Reconditioned and rebuilt. Guaranteed 90 days. Delivery available. 548-4419 anytime.

### MINI-BLINDS

Discount prices on custom Sunflex mini-blinds and Louverdrapes pleated shades. Draperies too. Free estimates and installation. Marsh Interiors. 569-7540.

### DINING

ROOM, circa 1920's, walnut table, 2 leaves, 6 upholstered chairs, china cabinet, buffet, very good condition. \$750. 526-2919

### MOVING

MUST sell Brown Jordan table, chairs, umbrella, Redwood lounger, rated love seat, Steelf lamp, Kitchenaid, Cuisinart. All like new. Call now. 655-2195

NEST of tables, \$100 each. Nest of tables, 15½" Champagne color Oriental rug. \$850. 652-4215.

DINING table with two leaves and six chairs. Teak. Mint condition. \$385. 893-9488

**602 Antiques**

CLEARANCE Sale Chinese Antiques and Giftware. Going out of business. Liquidating everything far below cost from overseas. Monday-Saturday, 11-6. 1479 So. Tamalpais Avenue, Tiburon

**ATTORNEY** moving. Antique Empire partners desk, matching chairs, bookcase and mirror. 820-6111.

GEORGIAN tall chest of drawers circa 1810. Original finish. Classic proportions. \$475. Set of 4 antique small ladder back chairs with rush seats. \$175. 339-9569

**603 Garage Sale**

YARD sale, September 10 and 11, 10-3. Books, furniture, clothing, housewares, television, etc. Refreshments available. Linda Gen Senior Home, 32 Linda Ave. (off Piedmont)

GARAGE yard sale. Golf clubs, antiques, tools, 708 Pomona, Albany September 10-11, nine-five.

MOVING Sale, September 10, 11-10. 4-10. 141 Clarendon Crescent, Oakland. Furniture, Oriental rugs, miscellaneous china, kitchenware, bric-a-brac

FLEA Market September 10, 9-4 Skylene Church, 12540 Skylene Blvd., Oakland. Household goods, some furniture, miscellaneous goods

TWO home garage sale 5977-1580 Harbord. Furniture, construction materials, tools, costume jewelry, rugs, paintings, unusual objects. 10 speed bike. Saturday, September 10th, 9-4

GARAGE moving sale. Antiques, books, kitchen utensils, art objects, etc. Saturday, Sunday September 10, 11, 1129 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley

ESTATE sale, September 9, 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., China, crystal, rugs, furniture, knick-knacks, 1800 Lakeshore Avenue, 693-6668

MULTI-Family, September 10, 10-5, E. 36th and Bruce Sts., Oakland. Furniture, housewares, clothes, televisions. Something for everyone, every room

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## 604 Miscellaneous

BICYCLE, Jamis Explorer XR 1988, white, many extras, new, including tax \$564, sell: \$390, 655-1845

PLUMBER retiring. New cast iron lavs, ABS and miscellaneous valves, fittings, faucets, Nohub couplings (cases of 100). No checks 530-4845

COMPUTER portable Kaypro 2000 IBM compatible, \$450. 482-0246.

FAX machines rent \$42 month. \$575-\$750. Reconditioned heavy duty models. (415) 638-5501

ONE bedroom, circa 1920's, hardwood floors, 4 blocks to BART, parking, \$475. Weiss Enterprises 234-2933

**705 El Cerrito & North**

RICHMOND 1 bedroom, fireplace, hardwood floors, 4 blocks to BART, parking, \$475. Weiss Enterprises 234-2933

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Grand Lake area above MacArthur. Studio, large, redecorated, bright, sparkling clean. Laundry facilities. Excellent transportation. Quiet, secure, owner managed building. No pets. Good value. \$480 451-5580

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NORTH OAKLAND-Sunny 1 bedroom, 1 bath, older building, top floor, new carpet, 2 blocks Bart, 4 blocks Piedmont Avenue. Park setting. Studio also available at \$395 month. Call Doug 889-7870.

PARK BLVD.-Small 2 bedroom, 1 bath, older building, top floor, new carpet, Levolor blinds, appliances, etc. Above 580 freeway. \$595. Call Doug 531-6018/89-7870.

CHINA HILL  
350 NEWTON-2 bedroom, large sunny kitchen, top floor, quiet, pool, parking, near Lake. \$675 month. Call Dana or Sharon 834-9471

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LARGE 1 bedroom near Lake shore. Security, quiet building, new carpet, new paint, clean. \$500 month. 530-3846

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ROCKRIDGE 2 bedroom, yard, dining room, family room, yard, hardwood floors, fireplace, 2 blocks to College and Bart Available October 1, \$900 month 652-0333

IMMACULATE 2 bedroom, 2 bath, super location, close to bus, freeway. 690 Mariposa, Oakland, \$750. Nancy 487-3219

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EUCID ST. Sunny, large 1 bed room, \$525 Walk-in closets, new carpet. In small, quiet building, includes parking. Call Doris 835-3707 or Doug 889-7870

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KENSINGTON. Three bedroom, 2 bath home, panoramic view, fireplace, hardwood floors, all appliances included, lease. Available September 5, \$1375. Call Doug 889-7870

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ELEGANT executive home 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, family room, hot tub, solar heat, double car garage, panoramic view of the three bridges, complete security, no pets. \$1400 month. Call 655-8197, evenings only.

LOVELY 4 bedroom, 3 bath, all appliances, fireplace, carpeting, drapes, view of Bay 1500, first, last and deposit. \$27-6693

BRAUND new 3 bedroom, 2 bath, stove, dishwasher, fireplace, quiet court, \$1150, first, last and deposit. \$27-6693

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## Quality, not quantity, mark Gauchos Zweben takes Albany Little League helm

EL CERRITO — Long on skill and experience, short on depth. That's the state of the El Cerrito High School football team on the eve of its opening game Friday at Vintage High in Napa. El Cerrito opens its home schedule Sept. 16 with a non-conference game against arch-rival Kennedy of Richmond.

When the Gauchos open play in the newly-formed Bay Valley Athletic League later this month, they will be a small fish in a pond of bigger critters.

"We're competitive with anybody," said Gaucho Coach Frank Milo. "It's just a situation where teams from the larger schools have an advantage with more people to draw from. Our small enrollment puts us at a disadvantage."

The BVAL, which replaces the Golden Bay Athletic League, consists of Clayton Valley, Ygnacio Valley, and De La Salle (all of Concord), Pinole Valley, Antioch, Pittsburg, Berkeley and El Cerrito.

"I don't think a team will go undefeated with a schedule like ours," Milo said.

Wide receiver Kevin Colbert, who averaged 31.6 yards for each of his 17 catches last season, is

among the returning Gauchos. Colbert — the fastest player on the squad, according to Milo — was the leading Gaucho scorer in 1987 with five touchdowns. Colbert will also return kickoffs and punts. One of his five scores last year came on a kickoff.

Also back is Mike Ayers, the Gauchos' leading rusher in '87, averaging 4.9 yards a carry and scoring two touchdowns.

The leading candidate to start at tailback is Sam Bernstein, who averaged over five yards a carry on his 19 attempts last year. Bernstein will do well as a corner back, after making the all-league team at that spot last year.

The Gauchos have two quarterbacks to choose from, seniors Tom Frank and Mike Jones. Jones will start in the opener over Frank, who has a strained lower back.

The injury may change Milo's plans for the defensive secondary, where Jones was slated to start. "If Frank doesn't come around, we might put someone else at defensive back," Milo said.

The offensive line is experienced, with seniors Dante Martinez and Craig Mitchell at the tackle spots, Erik Carroll and Danny

Perez as the guards. Josanni Goree will play center.

Martinez and Mitchell will also play tackle on the defensive side of the line, with Goree at nose guard. The defensive ends are sophomore Jamir Miller and junior Tramont Van Hook.

Carroll, a defensive tackle last year, will team with senior Jason Belton as inside linebackers.

Bernstein and senior D'Vour Thurston will be the cornerbacks and Jones is slated to play strong safety. The free safety spot will be manned by Todd Jackson or Maurice Gibbs.

Milo liked the way his team looked in its Sept. 3 scrimmage at Vallejo, his alma mater.

"I was pleased with the way we moved the ball," he said. "We executed both the run and the pass well."

Milo said the Gaucho defense dominated Vallejo, allowing only two or three first downs. "We played quick, aggressive defensive football," Milo said. "I hope that continues."

The Gauchos have "a lot of skill people," Milo said, particularly at running back and secondary, but "We lack depth."

With so many players playing both offense and defense, he said, "injuries will be a key factor. Our physical condition will be important."

### By Don August

With the Albany Little League in between seasons, it's time for the new board to begin its off-season decision making, and it's not an easy time for new president Robert Zweben.

Zweben replaces Dan Alper who, after three years at the helm of the league, has decided to step down. Zweben admits that his new job will demand some thinking.

"Dan did a good job for three years, and he was appreciated by most of the people in the league," the new president says. "I just hope to be able to cope with the problems the league will face, considering that it's a volunteer organization that has a growing demand with limited resources and funds."

Last year, the league marked its biggest expansion yet, making room for the highest number of signups in the history of the organization. Now, the league must find a way to accommodate the number they are expecting again this season. According to Zweben, the answer may be in the new board, finding ways to handle this expansion. One way is for the board to expand itself.

"It is of utmost importance," Zweben says, "that we attract persons that are interested in assisting the program. We need a variety of skills on the board. Any person with a sincere interest in the community — not only baseball, but in organizational things, like fundraising and scheduling — is welcome."

At the first board meeting of the new season, the board decided that the way to tackle the questions that are being raised is to have volunteer committees take on the ideas as they come up. Topping the list of decisions to be made is whether or not the league would purchase a batting cage. However, the biggest expenditure in league history will not be made on a whim.

"We will get a batting cage if it is the sense of the board to do it," says Zweben. "It certainly appears to be a good, safe teaching tool. It will help make hitting more intense and more effective."

The final decision, to be made at the end of this month, appears to hinge on where the estimated cost (ball park figure — excuses the pun) of \$6,000 will fit into the league budget. Other ideas that



Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben is accepting another delicate post as president of the Little League.

The board has on deck for board committees are those of parent participation, early registration, and restructuring of the league.

"A look at early registration will help us identify and facilitate the registration process and tell us the number of signups, volunteers, and jobs needed — allowing us to establish a more organized approach to the season," says Zweben. It is not yet known how or when early registration will take place, but you can be sure the league will give plenty of notice.

Due to the number of pre-season suggestions made by coaches and parents, the league will be mulling over a few ideas to change the league's format, before the first pitch of the new season is thrown.

In the junior minors (8-, 9-, and 10-year-olds), thoughts about using the pitching machine and coaches pitching at all times will be discussed, potentially putting an end to kids' pitching.

The senior minor and major leagues will be looking at whether or not, for the good of both the league and the players, 10-year-olds should be disallowed.

The senior league has its own ideas brewing, and these could take the most thought. Rather than having the 13-15-year-old league, does the group want to adopt a 13-year-old league or a travelling team? How about a minor league team for each existing senior team? These are two tough questions facing the senior committee.

Other committees will include ones for selection of managers, the big league team, scheduling, field repair and maintenance, and coaching clinics. Anyone interested in any of these committees, or who for any other reason wants to get involved in the board, is invited to the next Albany Little League meeting on September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Park Clubhouse.

The Wednesday service is at 5 p.m. The reading room is open Mon. to Weds. from 1 to 3 p.m. The Monitor and books may be read, borrowed or purchased.

Everyone is welcome. There is free parking and child care.

Christ Lutheran Church, 780 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. Pastor Martin J. Schaefer. 524-1050.

Pastor Schaefer's sermon at the 10 a.m. service on Sept. 11 will be Open Ears.

Beginning on Sept. 11 services will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. Dr. Richard Boeke, Minister; Assistant Pastor Holly Horn Neuman. 525-0302.

Dr. Boeke will give a thought ful look at the controversial movie *The Last Temptation of Christ* at the 10:45 a.m. service on Sept. 11. The early morning service is at 8:30 a.m.

Unity Church, 351-28th St., Richmond. Warren and Marguerite Meyer, Ministers.

Senior Minister Warren Meyer is leading a series of open lectures on the Unity movement titled *Dynamics for Living* on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Senior Minister Ken Barnes.

The 10 a.m. sermon by Senior Minister Barnes on Sept. 11 is *The Church: A Free Community*. There is also a meditation and healing service in the chapel (off Rincon Avenue) 6 p.m. Sundays.

St. Alban's Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany.

The church will hold its annual bazaar on Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Books, toys, clothes, food, furniture, collectibles, appliances and more will be for sale. Everyone is welcome.

Former members and new folks are invited to *Homecoming Sunday* at the Epworth Methodist Church on Hopkins in Berkeley on Sept. 18 at the 10 a.m. worship service. The Children's Choir and the Chancel Choir will sing. Dr. Mowrey's message will be *Come Home*.

## Smoking mixes even less with fans

A recent surge of no-smoking legislation and a few unruly baseball fans are making it more difficult for smokers to light up in the Bay Area.

In a law passed in San Francisco and an ordinance passed in Redwood City recently, smoking is prohibited in enclosed public areas except outdoor facilities such as sports arenas.

But Bay Area sports arenas have picked up where lawmakers have left off.

Last month the San Francisco Giants cordoned off a 2,200-seat area where smoking and drinking were prohibited. The action came in response to fighting among a few fans at a July 26 ball game in Candlestick Park, according to Art Asher, the Giants' public relations director.

Asked why smoking would be

prohibited in the area, Asher replied, "We want an area where people can go with their kids and not be disturbed by smoke." The move is gaining popularity among sports arenas nationwide.

"It's a new concept," said Asher. "We are the 13th ball club to have a family section."

The trend has carried over to football season as well. Smoking will not be allowed in Stanford's football stadium where the Cards open the Season Sept. 10, said Gary Bruner, assistant athletic director at Stanford University.

"We don't allow smoking in any sports facility — indoor or outdoor," said Bruner.

The no-smoking policy was passed because the athletic department wanted to bring its policy in line with the smoking restrictions on the rest of the

Stanford campus. Bruner said they have had no problems at track meets held in the stadium, but he's unsure how it will affect the football crowd.

"I don't think two hours is that long to go without a cigarette," he said. Those who wish to smoke must do so outside the stadium or on the rim of the stadium.

The University of California at Berkeley will not prohibit smoking in its outdoor sports facilities.

Despite the surge of restrictions, it could be worse for smokers. After being squeezed out of buses, libraries and football stadiums, smokers may feel an even tighter squeeze on their pocket books. This November, Proposition 99 goes on the ballot which, if passed, would hike the price of cigarettes up 25 cents a pack.

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## Church Notes

Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa Fe at Ward, Ralph L. Moeller, PhD, M.S.T.

The Sept. 11 service at 10 a.m. will be a Family Service with induction of Sunday school teachers for the new Sunday School year.

Sunday school and bible class

are at 9 a.m.

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El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito.

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